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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 8929

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CPRS, ENRG, LE, IS

SUBJ: TAPLINE PROPERTY NICKED IN AIR RAIDS

REF: BEIRUT 8880

SUMMARY: TAPLINE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED DURING SIDON AIR
RAIDS YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY BY SPENT ANTI-AIRCRAFT
ROUNDS. TEL AVIV ASKED TO RASISE THIS WITH ISRAELIS.
END SUMMARY:

1. DAVID DODGE, BEIRUT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
MANAGER FOR AMERICAN-OWNED TRANS-ARABIAN PIPE LINE
CO. (TAPLINE) TODAY NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT, DURING
YESTERDAY'S ISRAELI AIR RAIDS SIDON, TAPLINE TERMINAL
AND ADJACENT AMERICAN-OWNED MEDRECO REFINERY JUST
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SOUTH OF SIDON SUFFERED SLIGHT, SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE FROM

BULLETS. NOBODY HURT AND NOTHING VITAL DAMAGED. DODGE SAID BULLETS FELL WITHIN TERMINAL PROPERTY, A FEW HIT TERMINAL CONTROL HOUSE AND ONE PENETRATED ROOF OF ACTING TERMINAL MANAGER'S RESIDENCE, NARROWLY MISSING MANAGER. MEDRECO MANAGEMENT CONFIRMED THAT A FEW BULLETS PENETRATED ROOFS ON MEDRECO PROPERTY.

2. NEITHER DODGE NOR MEDRECO CERTAIN OF ORIGIN OF BULLETS BUT DODGE TENDS ATTRIBUTE THEM TO PALESTINIAN AND/OR LEBANESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE, NOT RPT NOT ISRAELI PLANES. DODGE SAID ISRAELI PLANES CAME IN OVER TAPLINE/ MEDRECO PROPERTY AND ONE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT ANTI-AIRCRAFT AROUND PROPERTY TO OPEN FIRE.

3. DODGE, A LONG-TIME BEIRUT RESIDENT, SAID THIS FIRST TIME THESE AMERICAN-OWNED INSTALLATIONS AFFECTED DURING THE MANY ISRAELI RAIDS IN SIDON AREA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SAFETY EMPLOYEES AND PROPERTY, SUGGESTED WE TRANSMIT CONCERN TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDE HIM WITH ANY "FEEDBACK" WE RECEIVE. EMBOFF SAID WE SELDOM GET ANY FEEDBACK BUT AGREED REPORT HIS CONCERN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, SUGGEST EMBASSY TEL AVIV REMIND ISRAELIS THAT TAPLINE/ MEDRECO INSTALLATIONS ARE AMERICAN PROPERTY AND THAT DEATHS, INJURIES OR DAMAGE THERE WOULD HARM ISRAELI-US RELATIONS.

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